

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 753

By McCord

A RESOLUTION to honor and applaud Head Coach John Reid and the Alcoa High School football team on capturing the TSSAA Class 2A State Championship.

WHEREAS, the General Assembly is pleased to specially honor and commend those successful high school teams that, through their magnificent exploits, bring honor to the State of Tennessee and serve as exceptional ambassadors of this State; and

WHEREAS, led by Head Coach John Reid, the Alcoa High School football team is one such commendable team that achieved an extraordinary level of success during the 2005 season, establishing an impressive record of fourteen wins against only one loss and winning the BlueCross Bowl Class 2A State Championship Game; and

WHEREAS, the Alcoa Tornadoes rolled through the playoffs by prevailing over the powerhouse teams of Gatlinburg-Pittman (91-7), Christian Academy of Knoxville (49-14), Loudon (26-0), and Tyner (31-14) in a juggernautish drive to the state championship game in Murfreesboro; and

WHEREAS, the Tornadoes completed their phenomenal season by beating Goodpasture in the BlueCross Bowl by the score of 55-13, thereby capturing the team's second consecutive state football championship and the seventh overall; and

WHEREAS, this herculean effort was led by the outstanding individual performances of quarterback Joei Fiegler, who tied a championship game record with four touchdown passes and finished with nine completions on eleven attempts for 140 yards, and running back Chris Shiverdecker, named BlueCross Bowl Class 2A Offensive Most Valuable Player, who scored three touchdowns and ran for 126 yards, and junior Bart Hicks, who earned the BlueCross Bowl

Class 2A Defensive Most Valuable Player Award for leading the solid Alcoa defense with nine tackles; and

WHEREAS, Alcoa's explosive offense amassed an incredible 729 points during its 15-game season, an average of 48.6 points per game, with 252 of those points scored in the playoffs; and

WHEREAS, Alcoa's stingy defense allowed only 185 points to be scored by opponents throughout the season, an average of only 12 points per game; and

WHEREAS, the dedication, determination, work ethic, and talent of this group of young men not only made possible a successful and memorable football season, but also surely point toward success in their future endeavors; and

WHEREAS, displaying great sportsmanship and outstanding character, the members of the Alcoa High School football team conducted themselves in a manner appropriate to the integrity of the State of Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, the State of Tennessee takes great pride in the tremendous accomplishments of those student athletes who have excelled both on the field and in the classroom; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we honor and congratulate Head Coach John Reid and the 2005 Alcoa High School football team on winning the 2005 TSSAA Class 2A State Football Title.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.